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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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RE: Docket number 2005-385-E

Dear Mr. Terreni,

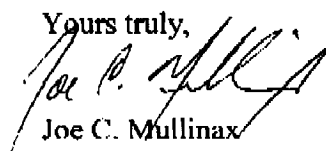
I'm writing to strongly urge the state of South Carolina to join with the rest of the country and adopt a net metering policy. Our neighbors, Georgia and North Carolina, both offer net metering and credit the consumer at the retail rate. It only makes dollars and sense for South Carolina to follow suit.

"Net metering programs serve as an important incentive for consumer investment in renewable energy generation. Net metering is a low-cost, easily administered method of encouraging customer investment in renewable energy technologies. Currently, net metering is offered in more than 35 states." From the U.S. Department of Energy's website <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/markets/netmetering.shtml>. Since this article, 5 more states have adopted a net metering policy to bring the total to 40 out of 50 with South Carolina being in the minority.

I am currently researching building a new home. I am very interested in "green" technology and am investigating LEED certification. It seems at every turn that our neighbors, in fact most of the country, is ahead of my home state of South Carolina when it comes to this topic. The adoption of a net metering policy would be an easy and effective step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours truly,



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